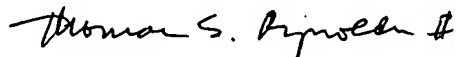


Applicants believe that upon considering the patentability of the claims in Group I, the Examiner will be required to search art that is substantially similar to the relevant art for Groups II through VIII. Thus, there is not an unduly extensive or burdensome search required to appropriately examine the claims of Groups II through VIII along with the claims of Group I. In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the election of species/restriction requirement is requested.

The undersigned attorney is available for telephone consultation and encourages the Examiner to contact him with any questions that might arise.

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